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TRADOC FOR MR. BOB CAVE

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT UAE ARMED FORCES TEAM PARTICIPATING IN SUBJECT TOUR WILL BE LED BY COL. SHAIKH SULTAN BIN SAQR. THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT COL. SHAIKH SULTAN BIN ZAYID WHO WAS SUBJECT OF EARLIER MESSAGES. COL. SHAIKH SULTANBIN SAQR IS SECOND SON OF RULER OF RAS AL-KHAIMAH, WHICH IS ONE OF THE OTHER EMIRATES OF UAE. HE IS COMMANDER OF NORTHERN REGION COMMAND OF UAE AF. SINCE SHAIKH SULTAN BIN SAQR IS ROYALTY AND HOLDS THEORETICALLY COMPARABLE POSITION TO HIS NAME SAKE IN ABU DHABI (ALBEIT THE WESTERN REGION COMMAND LOCATED HERE IS MUCH LARGER) HE SHOULD BE ACCORDED GENERAL OFFICER TREATMENT AS HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER SHAIKH SULTAN.

2. TO DATE WE HAVE NAME OF ONLY ONE OTHER OFFICER PARTICIPATING ON TOUR. HE IS COL MUHAMMAD SAID AL-BADI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS UNDER GEN. KHALDI. COL AL-BADI APPEARS TO BE FIRST-AMONG-EQUALS OF THREE DEPUTY COFS'S. AS SUCH HE IS

PERHAPS SENIOR LOCAL PROFESSIONAL SOLDIER (IF ONE EXCLUDES THE SHAIKHS) IN UAE AF. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT OTHER NAMES WILL BE FORTHCOMING THIS WEEK.

3. RE HOTELS, WE HAVE DISCUSSED SITUATION WITH COL. AL-BADI AND IT IS AGREED THAT NO REPEAT NO SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR COL. SHAIKH SULTAN BIN SAQR. THIS IS PREDICATED ON BASIS STATEMENT PARA 4.C REF D CONCERNING FACT THAT ALL HOTELS WILL BE FIRST CLASS. WE ARE ALSO ASSUMING THAT ALL OFFICERS ARE GETTING SINGLE ROOMS. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IF THERE HAPPEN TO BE GRADATIONS BETWEEN ROOMS, THE BEST SHOULD GO TO TEAM LEADER.

4. WE NOTE REFERENCE NOTE C REF B TO CONTINUING NEED FOR TOUR OFFICERS TO CARRY SUFFICIENT CASH TO MEET PER DIEM EXPENSES. THIS IS, OF COURSE, STATEMENT OF FACT AND PRESUMABLY IS STANDARD LANGUAGE IN LOA. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT EFFORTS ARE STILL BEING MADE AS PER PARA 4 REF C TO MINIMIZE THIS PROBLEM THROUGH ARRANGEMENTS WITH HOTELS FOR SUBSEQUENT BILLINGS. WE REALIZE THAT TRADOC WAS WAITING FOR WORD FROM EMBASSY ON NATURE OF RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, BUT WE TRUST, WITH THAT INFO NOW AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO WORK OUT SOMETHING TO REDUCE CASH REQUIREMENTS.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS EXTREMELY PLEASED AT TWO OFFICERS CHOSEN TO HEAD THIS MISSION. SHAIKH SULTAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BIN SAQR HAS BEEN TO US ONCE BEFORE (ON STATE DEPT IV GRANT) BUT THIS WAS NOT MILITARY TOUR. HAVING ONE OF THREE SHAIKHLI COLONELS PARTICIPATE IS IMPORTANT. LIKEWISE AL-BADI WOULD HAVE BEEN OUR FIRST CHOICE AMONG THE PROFESSIONS. IN SHORT, DESPITE CONFUSIONS IN SETTING IT UP, TOUR PROMISES TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES. IT APPEARS THE RIGHT OFFICERS ARE GOING FROM HERE AND WE KNOW THEY ARE GOING TO BE MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE PROFESSIONALISM THEY WILL FIND IN EACH OF THEIR STOPS ON PLANNED TOUR.
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